

AIREY'S INLET

A link with the past has been created by a recent holiday visit of Flight Lieutenant F. W. Stevens and his wife to Airey's Inlet. Flight Lieutenant Stevens, who served with the Navy during the last war, has recently completed 3½ years with the R.A.A.F., much of which has been connected with operations in New Guinea, Morotai and Borneo. Older residents of Airey's Inlet will remember Fred Stevens as the elder son of Mrs. Stevens, now living at Point Lonsdale, and the late Mr. G. F. W. Stevens, who, on two occasions some years ago, served as lighthouse keeper at the Split Point lighthouse, Airey's Inlet.

During his recent visit to Airey's Inlet, Flight Lieutenant Stevens, with his wife spent much time fishing on the rocks and renewing acquaintance with beauty spots he knew so well as a schoolboy. He did not follow his father's footsteps and enter the lighthouse service, but turned his attention to aeroplanes. At the completion of his leave at Airey's Inlet he will visit his mother and sister at Point Lonsdale and then take up duty as Supervisor of Airways with the Department of Civil Aviation at Brisbane. However, the lighthouse tradition is being carried on by his younger son, George, who is an apprentice on the lighthouse steamer Cape Yorke. His elder son, Dick, has served for 3½ years as a Commando in the Army, and on several occasions he and his father have crossed each other's paths and spent short periods together in various parts of New Guinea and Morotai.